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LOK SABHA

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LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG distributorship is not being allotted in accordance with the demand in the rural areas ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard ; and

(c) the number of LPG distributorship allotted in rural areas, State/UT-wise from the year 2004 till date ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a)&(b): The locations for setting up of LPG distributorship are identified jointly by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), based on available refill sale potential, which can sustain operation of an LPG distributorship. The refill sale potential is based on several factors including population, population growth rate, economic prosperity of the location and distance from the nearest distributor etc. In case of the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY), potential sale of 600 refills is considered while opening a distributorship.

The Government has formulated the `Vision-2015` for LPG sector to raise the country`s LPG population coverage to 75% by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections between 2009 and 2015, especially in rural areas and under-covered areas, for which a scheme namely, `Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana` (RGGLVY) for establishing small-size LPG distribution agencies was launched on 16.10.2009. Advertisements inviting applications for distributorships under the scheme have been released by OMCs in 29 States/UTs covering 4786 locations. Letters of Intent (LoI) have been issued for 1752 locations out of which 1001 distributors have been commissioned.

(c): During the period from January, 2004 to 1st February, 2012, OMCs have commissioned 1472 regular LPG distributorships and 1001 RGGLV distributorships, in the rural areas of the country. The State-wise/UT-wise details are at Annex.